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Religious reform is called for

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RELIGIOUS REFORM

Lesson for August 12, 1984

Bible Study Passages: II Kings 18:1-8; 19:29-31; 20:20

INTRODUCTION

Throughout history prophets have called for religious reform. The Old Testament prophets tried time and again to call Israel and Judah back to center focus in terms of their relationship to Yahweh. The prophets warned against idolatry, injustice, and alliances with heathen nations.

Prophets in modern society speak out vehemently against injustice, war, hunger, materialism, and disregard for that which is sacred. The church in modern society faces enormous challenges. At times the church may be guilty of conforming to the world's trends and standards rather than maintaining its unique identity. The challenge to the church is to be a leader and not a follower.

It is important that the church and each individual Christian maintain their central focus. The church and the Christian are relevant when together they bear fruits which are relevant to the need of the people. Sometimes the church must adapt to the changing world in order to meet the needs of the people. The church that builds an ediface to honor itself may miss the reason for its being. The church exists for others and not for itself.

A GOOD KING [II Kings 18:1-8]

The name Hezekiah may not flash on lights or ring bells for you, but for Judah's history he was a refreshing breeze. He stands out as a leader who sought to lead his country to walk closely with Yahweh. His father Ahaz was an evil leader who lead the people to new depths of depravity.

One of Hezekiah's strengths was the massive religious reform. He removed the shrines and idols that plagued Judah for years. Hezekiah was totally devoted unto the Lord. The scriptures compare him to David as a great leader. He chose not to form any alliances with Assyria and defeated the ancient enemy of Judah, namely, the Philistines.

HEZEKIAH vs. ASSYRIA [II Kings 19:29-31]

As time passed Assyria became more of a threat to Judah. Hezekiah sought to aviod conflict with Assyria by paying tribute money. But Assyria was bound and determined to be the super power of the ancient world.

Hezekiah's response to the Assyrian threat was to pray. He was convinced that God would be there for his people in time of war. God appointed Isaiah to be his spokesman to denounce Assyria. Isaiah delivered God's message of hope that Judah would survive the hostile Assyrian threat and that a remnant from Jerusalem would carry on the torch of faith. The message of hope confirmed that God preserves those who cling to him in faith.

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER [II Kings 20:20]

Hezekiah stands out as a man of faith and prayer. He became ill from a condition that Isaiah said would be fatal, but Hezekiah would not "abandon ship." Instead he, prayed for God to grant him more time to continue his plans and hopes for Judah. God granted his request and Hezekiah lived fifteen years longer. He remained a strong leader and kept Assyria at bay. He was truly one of Judah's shining stars as a king. He saw himself as a servant of the Lord.

Consider the following questions:

1. Do you think our leaders rely enough upon God for guidance in their leading?
2. What strengths do you see in Hezekiah that makes a leader a good one?
3. How important is prayer to you?
4. Share a time when God answered your prayers.

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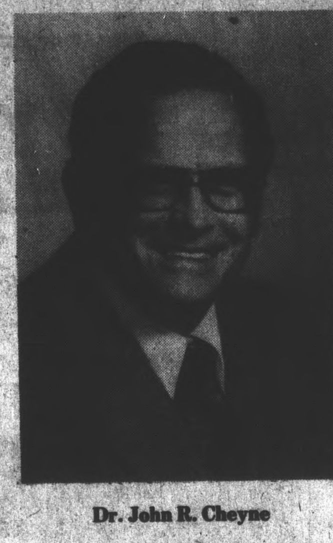


Dr. John R. Cheyne

Dr. John R. Cheyne of Richmond will be the visiting preacher for revival services at Hebron Baptist Church Aug. 12-17.

Services will begin each night at 7:30 p.m. Special music is planned each evening. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Cheyne is currently serving as senior consultant, Human Needs Ministries, at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond.

Prior to his present assignment he served as a missionary in Eastern and Southern Africa for 24 years. During this time he worked in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), Ethiopia and Kenya.

Concert planned here

A choir from the Rebekah Home for Girls in Corpus Christi, Tex. will present a concert at Bible Baptist Church of Appomattox, the Rev. Bob Lee, pastor, on Friday night, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

Most of the girls who are now in the Rebekah Home for Girls have had a round with dope and have found the real answer to life's problems and have become a part of a tremendous singing choir, giving their testimonies on tour and on the Family Altar Broadcast many times.

Some of the finest singers and best girls were on LSD and other forms of dope. These are probably the happiest 160 girls in the nation.

Sixteen of these girls will be on this tour. Everyone is invited to the special rallies and the girls give real encouragement to those who are addicted to drugs and to the mothers and fathers who are concerned about their young people, to the city fathers, judges, probation officers and the juvenile courts concerning this deadly demon of dope addiction.

Gravel Hill news

An Appomattox County native has donated $47,000 to the Gravel Hill Baptist Church building fund.

Mrs. Epsie Holmes, who currently lives in New Jersey, made the contribution.

The congregation of the church and pastor Miller extended thanks to Mrs. Holmes, and expressed regret that she was unable to attend the Gravel Hill homecoming service.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walker, Mr. and Mrs. James Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, of Detroit, Mich., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker of Pamplin, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Miller and daughter, Mrs. Rosetta Carter and son of Richmond, were weekend guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Berkley of Pamplin.

Get-well wishes go to Mrs. Bill Brown, a member of Gravel Hill who has been ill.

Get-well wishes also go to Mrs. Carrie Jones of Prospect, who is in the hospital.

Please pray for the sick and the shut-in.

Galilee Church news

Successful Homecoming services were held at Galilee this past Sunday. Pastor Davis delivered the morning message and the senior choir sang. Many homecomers and friends were present.

After dinner, Dr. Charles M. Franklin and the Young Adult Choir from Sharon Baptist Church were in charge of the afternoon service. The annual family rally preceeded the service.

The Rev. Charles Johnson of Bennettsville, South Carolina will be our evangelist for the week. Local choirs will provide music during the week.

Please come out and let us worship together.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the Harvey and Tanner families in the loss of their loved one.

Let us continue to pray and may God supply all our needs. Have a good week.

Mt. Shiloh news notes

Revivals are going on throughout the county. Please attend the church of your choice.

Revival services begin at Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church next Sunday, Aug. 12, at 11 a.m. Services will be conducted each night next week.

Miss Florence Fleshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Fleshman, Sr., of the Spout Spring community, was presented the "Youth of the Year" award by her church, Galilee. She is encouraged to keep up the good work.

The community was saddened to hear of the untimely death of Mr. Lawrence Tanner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tanner, Sr. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at deadline.

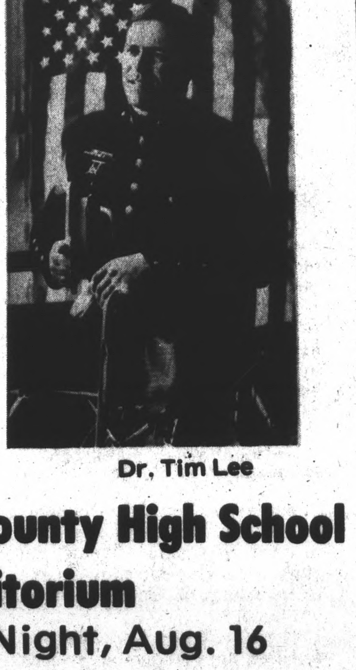
We continue to pray for the sick and the shut-in everywhere.

Mt. Airy Church news

The Junior Choir at Mt. Airy Baptist Church will sing at Canaan Baptist Church this Sunday, Aug. 12.

The bus will leave Mt. Airy at 11 a.m. for Canaan.

God and Country 'I Love America' Rally!



Dr. Tim Lee

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Death Notices

Clarence Manuel Campbell

Clarence Manuel Campbell, 90, of Route 3, Amherst, died Saturday afternoon in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Virginia, he was a son of the late James Edward Campbell and Alice Wright Campbell. He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and was a retired carpenter with American Cyanamid Co.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie Pribble Campbell; one son, Clarence Manuel (Buck) Campbell Jr., Lynchburg; two daughters, Mrs. Alice Thomas, Appomattox, and Mrs. Raymond Cash, Amherst; nine grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. from St. Mark's Episcopal Church at Clifford, with interment in Amherst Cemetery.

Driskill Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Bennie Phillip Cyrus

Bennie Phillip Cyrus, 82, of 3320 Old Forest Road, died Thursday, Aug. 2, 1984, in Lynchburg General Hospital, following a short illness. He was the husband of the late Thelma Stinnett Cyrus and is survived by his present wife, Esther C. Cyrus.

Born in Campbell County, he was a son of the late Robert Lee Cyrus and Betty Mae Ryan Cyrus. He was a retired employee of Central Virginia Training Center and a charter member of Mountain View Church of God.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, John R. Cyrus, Lynchburg; four daughters, Mrs. Wesley (Jewel) Weeks, Lynchburg, Mrs. Robert L. (Jean) Dalton, Spout Spring, Mrs. Randall K. (Doris) Mitchell, Altavista, and Phyllis Harvey, Evington; a stepdaughter, Eleanor Rankin, Lynchburg; one brother, Robert Eugene Cyrus, Spout Spring; and three sisters, Katie Kline, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Betty Mae Garrett, Roanoke, and Mrs. Lucille Chenault, Lynchburg; and 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday Aug. 4 at Whitten Timberlake Chapel by the Revs. S. W. Weisbrod and Margie P. Musselman. Interment was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Nellie G. Jamerson

Nellie Godsey Jamerson, 89, of Route 3 Appomattox, died Saturday night in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the widow of Raymond Jamerson.

Born in Buckingham County, she was the daughter of the late Andrew Godsey and Ella Stinson Godsey. She was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Bryant, Appomattox; two sisters, Mrs. Piney Ragland, Appomattox, and Mrs. Lottie Caldwell, Lynchburg; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Monday at Robinson Funeral Home. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Rosser Martin

Margaret Rosser Martin, 78, of 1216 Moseley Drive, died at 11:20 p.m. Sunday July 29, 1984, at Lynchburg General Hospital. Her husband was the late John R. Martin.

Born in Prince Edward County, she was a daughter of the late Walter Henry Rosser and Mary Elizabeth Baker Rosser. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a son, John Stephen Martin of Lynchburg; five sisters, Madeline Scott Rosser and Mrs. Harry (Alease) Knowles Jr., both of Lynchburg, Mrs. Thomas F. (Elizabeth) Woody and Vernelle Rosser Lovenbury, both of Richmond, and Mrs. S. W. (Carolyn) Massey of Pamplin; a brother, Willie M. Rosser of Lynchburg; three grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted 11 a.m. Wednesday Aug. 1 at Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. Carlton Casey. Burial was in Spring Creek Baptist Church Cemetery at Darlington Heights.

Anna Baker Moerland

Anna Baker Moreland, 63, of Route 2 Concord died Friday, Aug. 3, 1984, in Lynchburg General Hospital.

She was born July 18, 1921, in Arlington County, a daughter of the late Herbert Baker and Grace Hottle Baker. She was a retired switchboard operator for General Adjustment Company in Washington, D.C. and was a member of the Methodist church.

She is survived by her husband, Henry H. (Buddy) Moreland; a son, Charles A. Vance, Front Royal; a daughter, Carolyn Lee Spitzer, Chattanooga, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in Saumsville Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Dellinger Funeral Home, Woodstock.

Thomas Lee St. John

Thomas Lee St. John, 77, of Charlotte Court House, died Saturday, Aug. 4, 1984.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rozelle H. St. John; one son, David Lee St. John and two grandchildren, Jeffery and Tina St. John, all of Lynchburg; four brothers, Jim St. John, Cullen, Roy St. John, Charlotte Court House, Virgil St. John, Richmond, and Charlie St. John, Virginia Beach; three sisters, Mrs. Charles Berkley, Victoria, and Mrs. Guy Kilgo, Gloucester, and Mrs. Bobby Barden, Richmond.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Oak View Presbyterian Church, with interment in the church cemetery.

Browning Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence M. Tanner, Jr.

Lawrence M. Tanner Jr. 33, Baltimore Maryland, died Sunday, August 5 at the University of Maryland Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.

He was born July 31, 1951, in Baltimore, Maryland, a son of Annie Harvey Tanner and Lawrence M. Tanner Sr. of Baltimore, Maryland.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Mills Tanner and two daughters, Nikiah and Tonisha Tanner of Orange County, Virginia.

In addition to his parents, wife, and daughters, he is survived by four sisters, Mary Ann Tanner of Spout Spring, Emma Jean Greene, Sonya and Chatnay Tanner of Baltimore Maryland; a brother, Timothy Tanner of Baltimore, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Annie Harvey of Spout Spring.

Funeral services are incomplete at this time.

Canaan Church news

Homecoming and revival will begin at Canaan Baptist Church on Sunday, Aug. 12.

The Rev. C. L. Elliott will be pastor in charge of the 11:30 a.m. service Sunday. The Mt. Airy Junior Choir will render music, and lunch will be served after the service.

The Rev. P. A. Medley will be guest minister for the 3 p.m. Sunday service. The Pleasant Valley Men's Chorus will provide music.

Pastor Medley will also be the evangelist for revival services Aug. 13 through 17. Services will begin at 7:30 each night. Special music will be provided by a different choir each night of revival.

Please come out and worship with us.

Dedication service slated

A service to dedicate the newly erected steeple at Bethel United Methodist Church, Concord, will be held Sunday, Aug. 12, at 11 a.m.

There will be lunch on the church lawn following the service.

Members, former members and friends of the church are invited to attend.

Revival slated

Revival services will begin at the Bethany Pentecostal Holiness Church on August 14 and continue through August 19. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Sunday afternoon service beginning at 3 p.m. Special music will be a part of each service.

The Rev. J Henry Taylor of Danville will be guest minister. The church pastor is the Rev. John Hall over WTTX Radio on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8 until 9 p.m.

The church is located on State Road 650. Signs will point the way.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Tim Lee guest at ACHS

Tim Lee, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will be the special guest in a program at the Appomattox County High School Auditorium on August 16, 1984 at 7:30 p.m.

Lee is a former Marine. On March 8, 1971 while serving his country in South Vietnam he stepped on a land mine. The explosion resulted in the loss of both legs.

He is now an Evangelist traveling both nationally and internationally. He has preached to governors, senators, congressmen, judges, mayors, as well as people of all walks of life. He is in demand as a speaker in revivals, youth conferences as well as Patriotic Rallies.

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